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The Schoolteacher Steps Out



First of all I resigned::I told the headmaster that I was not coming back in September when we sat down in his office in March to discuss next year::Now I wish I hadn't been so hasty::That is, I wish I had waited just a few minutes to hear what kind of a raw deal he had been planning to offer me next year::But I didn't::I resigned:

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Northwest Airlines Grounds Gay Pilot

SEATTLE, WA — Guy Hunt, a pilot for seven years with Northwest Airlines, has accused Northwest of dismissing him from his position because he is gay. Hunt made the allegations after Northwest fired him on March 26 for "insubordination" following his refusal to take an instant physical exam. Instant physicals have long been a bone of contention between the Airline Pilot's Association (ALFA) and the airlines' management. However, Hunt charges that the real basis for his dismissal was his gayness and he is taking the airline before an arbitration board, composed of representatives of labor and management, where he will charge Northwest with discrimination "on the basis of affectional preference". The former pilot has also filed a complaint before the Minneapolis Human Rights Commission (Minneapolis), where Hunt was

fired from his position, is one of the few jurisdictions in the country to have passed a gay civil rights ordinance.

As a result of his firing, Hunt, who was second officer on a crew of three, has formed the Gay Airline Pilots Association. He claims that the organization has seven pilots as members out of a total of 1600 Northwest pilots. "The number of pilots who are gay is probably lower than the percentage of gay people in daily life because of screening procedures," said Hunt. "That probably constitutes discrimination right there."

Northwest Airlines President Donald W. Niroff denies that his airline practices discrimination against homosexuals. "We're not interested in the private lives of our pilots," Niroff said. However, Hunt claims that when Niroff heard that there were now seven Northwest pilots in the Gay Pilots

Association, Niroff snapped, "I want to know who the other six are." According to Hunt, Northwest has a policy of not hiring pilots who are over 26 years old. "They're simply afraid that a pilot might be gay or mentally unstable."

Hunt feels that his gayness threatens the image which airlines would like to project of their employees. "They want their pilots to be the epitome of the suave, male stud. A gay pilot is a liability to that image," Hunt said.

Hunt, who is the first pilot ever fired for refusing to take an instant physical, has the support of the Airline Pilot's Association in his case. "The Seattle ALFA people have been just fabulous," Hunt told GCN. "But the national ALFA board wants to shove the homosexual thing under the table. They want to focus in on the issue of the instant physical. But the gay issue is

the main thing to me."

Hunt, who is now working as a part-time projectionist and helicopter pilot in Seattle, reports that his case is gradually beginning to get nationwide publicity. "UPI seems to have killed the original story. But the New York Times News Service picked it up and the Seattle newspaper, the *Post-Intelligencer*, had a long and excellent article on my case. In fact, after the *Intelligencer* story, Northwest withdrew their advertising from the paper."

The labor-management arbitration board is expected to take up the Hunt firing on the first or second week in August. "I hold no grudge against Northwest," Hunt told GCN. "There are some really bigoted, puritanical people in control there, that's all. But I'm confident we'll win. We've really got the goods on them."

O'Leary: 'They'd Never Let Us Do It'

Strategists Veto Putting Gay Up for Nomination

By Neil Miller

NEW YORK — A proposed scheme to place the name of a gay person in nomination at the Democratic National Convention at Madison Square Garden this week has been rejected as "unworkable" and a "waste of time and energy" by the openly gay delegates who are attending the convention. The gay nomination proposal was the brain-child of Washington gay activist Paul Kuntzler, who suggested the idea in letters to about a hundred gay activists throughout the country. Kuntzler and a Washington lawyer, Harriet Taylor, scoured through the Democratic Party rules and found "no legal obstacles" to the plan. According to Kuntzler's research, all that was required for someone to be placed in nomination in New York was the support of 50 delegates, who could be pledged to another candidate at the same time. The Kuntzler plan was endorsed by Washington's Gertrude Stein Democratic Club and earned a front-page headline — "Gay to Be Nominated at Democratic Convention — in the Washington gay monthly, *The Blade*.

When the openly gay delegates — Jean O'Leary of New York and Jo Daly and Jim Foster of California — heard about the idea, they were "enthusiastic about tossing it around," according to Daly, a Jerry Brown delegate who is the gay liaison with the San Francisco Human Rights Commission. The idea of fifteen minutes of prime time on the three national networks was not an idea to be dismissed lightly. But after further investigation, the three delegates decided that the idea just would never work. First, there were simple logistical problems. Democratic chairpersons for three states would have to approve the move and it was doubtful if that step could be arranged. Secondly, the Convention arrangements committee had a rule that each person whose name was put into nomination had to be a "viable candidate."

"If it was workable it would have been fantastic," Jean O'Leary, a Morris Udall delegate from New York

and co-director of the National Gay Task Force told GCN. "It was of good idea but even if there were not 'legal obstacles' there were plenty of political obstacles. The convention is so tightly controlled this year that it would have been impossible. It's vital that we don't set ourselves up for failure and that is exactly what we would have been doing."

Jo Daly echoed Jean O'Leary's views. "There's an old saying that goes that a war or a battle is decided long before you get to the site. It's important to decide the battleground and there's no doubt that somehow they would have stopped us at the last minute, if we even got that close. We felt that it was important not to spend our energy doing this."

Both Daly and O'Leary have positive feelings about the convention, despite the platform defeat. "We are serious delegates and serious issue people," said Jean O'Leary. "We've gotten a lot of people familiarized with the issue and that's been really phenomenal. The victories that we've had have just not been visible, that's all."

"Already nine closeted delegates have come and talked to us and most of the delegates haven't even arrived yet," Jo Daly told GCN. "It's important to buttonhole delegates from all over the country — not just from New York and California — and talk to them. They are influential people and we can really make an impact on the entire country through them. We've made significant gains. It was in 1940 that the first black person took part in a Democratic convention. It wasn't until 24 years later that the civil rights act was passed. This year's platform

was built around the candidate; the Democratic Party is not hostile. We've got to work within it."

However, Paul Kuntzler and the Gertrude Stein Democratic Club were clearly less optimistic about the role of gays within the Democratic Party. "The hopes of those of us who believed that the Democratic Party would respond to our struggle for individual dignity and personal freedom as gay citizens were crushed as platform committee members led by the Carter organization and party (Continued on page 6)

Publications Reject 'Gay Is Good' Ads

NEW YORK — Advertising "Gay Is Good" as a public service message was turned down recently by several New York publications. Craig Rodwell, owner of the Oscar Wilde Memorial Book Shop, reported that he attempted to place ads with the message "Gay Is Good" in several periodicals, noting at the bottom of the proposed ad that

"This is a Public Service Message from the Oscar Wilde Memorial Book Shop."

The ad was refused by two neighborhood newspapers, the *Chelsea-Clinton News* and the *Westsider*, and by a borough-wide reference listing known as the "Manhattan Blue Book." According to Rodwell, the publications refused the ads because they were not simply advertising the bookstore but were expressing the point of view "Gay Is Good."

Rodwell also reported difficulties in placing an ad in *After Dark*, the entertainment magazine which frequently publishes male nudes and has a large gay male readership, though it does not call itself a gay magazine. The ad rejected by *After Dark* was for the gay novel *The Front Runner*. At the bottom of the ad, Rodwell wanted to include the name and address of his store and the phrase "serving the gay community since 1967." The publication wanted Rodwell to omit the word gay; *After Dark* has a well-established policy of declining ads overtly referring to homosexuality. Rodwell refused to alter the advertising copy, and the ad was not run. The publisher of *The Front Runner*, which was co-sponsoring the ad with Rodwell, was "incredulous" at the refusal of the ad, Rodwell reported.



Elaine Noble (left) talks with Joe Kirby (center), manager of the popular gay bar, 1270, and another supporter during the opening of Elaine's new campaign headquarters, 475 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, on Thursday, July 1.

Photo by Ellen Cronick



news notes

FCC PRESSURE

WASHINGTON — Pressure is building on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to strengthen its requirements for the Public Service Announcements of individual radio and television stations throughout the country. A coalition of 66 citizen groups, including the National Gay Task Force, plus five members of Congress, filed a petition with the FCC on June 3 asking for major reforms in the allocations of public service announcements (PSA's) by radio and television broadcasters. On June 18, the FCC issued a public notice stating that interested persons have 30 days to file statements supporting the petition — Rm 2712 —. All statements must be received by the FCC by July 19.

The petition urges the FCC to "open up public service announcements to a myriad of local and national groups with fresh, creative alternative approaches to the issues confronting Americans." These groups would presumably include the gay community. The petition cites specific examples of PSA's by citizen groups which have been denied air time or had great difficulty in receiving access.

People should address letters of support to the Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, 1919 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20554 and should refer to the petition by its file number, RM 2712.

GERRY FORD & GAYS

PHILADELPHIA — After several months of attempting to contact President Ford's Pennsylvania campaign headquarters, Mark Segal's Gay Raiders recently received the following letter from the President's campaign committee:

Dear Mr. Segal:

In answer to your letters of April 20 and February 3, 1976 regarding President Ford's position on the rights of gay people, we have been advised by The White House the deposition of your inquiry.

Rather than insult your intelligence with a phrase such as, "a person should be judged by a prospective employer on the basis of his or her qualifications," we would like to state the absolute truth, which is that President Ford has not taken any position on gay activity at the present time.

Thank you for your interest in the opinion of President Ford. Although we have not been able to give you a definite answer to one issue of interest, we are enclosing several reprints which cover various topics also of interest to your readers.

BATHROOM BUST

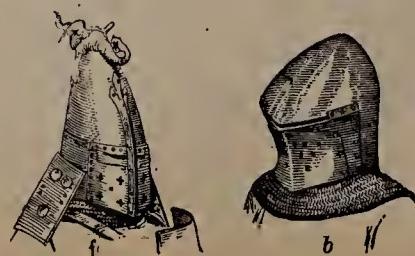
BOSTON — A 25-year-old Back Bay man who was recently arrested for trespassing at a Northeastern University men's room has pleaded guilty to a find of facts in Roxbury District Court. Boston Police Captain Robert Bradley told GCN that the arrest was made by a Northeastern security officer upon discovering that the man did not possess a valid student identification card.

The man's case was placed on file at Roxbury District Court.

WOMEN'S MARCH

BOSTON — "Women Support Women," a Woman's Day March, will take place in Boston on August 26 on the Boston Common. August 26, 1920 was the date of the passage of the suffrage amendment, giving women the right to vote in the United States. The August 26 Women's Coalition plans to focus this year's demonstration on the issue of violence against women, particularly married women. In general, the group is calling for support for Wages for Housework; Refuges for Battered Women; Free Child Care and Abortion; Lesbian Women; Working Women; Third World Women; Women Breaking Out of Poverty, Prison and Mental Institutions; Rape Victims; and a variety of other causes and groups.

Anyone interested in getting involved with the planning of the march should write August 26th Coalition, P.O. Box 146, West Somerville, MA 02144.



TROY IN TROUBLE

NEW YORK — New York City Council Finance Chairperson and leading opponent of gay rights bills in the City Council, Matthew J. Troy announced last week that he would plead guilty in Federal Court to a charge of filing a fraudulent Federal income tax return for 1972. "It has nothing to do with my political life, only my law practice," said Troy. Troy also announced that he had no plans to step down from his post at this point.

If found guilty, the Queens Democrat could be punished with up to three years in jail and a fine of \$5,000.

PROFS SUPPORT

SANTA BARBARA, CA — Delegates to the annual meeting here of the American Association of University Professors amended the association's policies to add discrimination on the basis of "sexual or affectional preference" to the list of causes for action against offending colleges and universities. According to the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, "this addition was recommended by homosexual academics."

At the same time, the association declined to accept the concept of "affirmative retention," which would especially protect jobs of women and minorities in times of institutional retrenchment, or to adopt any specific policy regarding tenured faculty members forced to retire because of an institution-wide lowering of the age of retirement.

LUTHERAN GUIDELINES

LOS ANGELES — The Lutheran Church's 33 synod presidents adopted guidelines on April 2 for their own use in dealing with pastors who abuse alcohol or other drugs, abandon their spouses and/or children, or pursue extramarital sex. *The Gay Lutheran* also reports that the guidelines, approved by a consensus, also mention "acts of homosexuality" but make no further gay reference. The 800-word statement reminds pastors that they are called to a life of "moral purity," reassert the authority of synod presidents to impose discipline and mandate pastors to accept whatever treatment or counseling is imposed.

The Gay Lutheran also reports that according to one account, "the bishops agree that it's okay for a pastor to be gay, but it's wrong for a pastor to ever express it genitality." No synod president contended during the debate that gay relationships could have any integrity.

The document thus appears to leave the door open for synod presidents to follow the often-inconsistent present practices as regards gay clergy — some expelling their gay pastors, others quietly supporting them.

GAYS FOR CARTER

NEW YORK — A coalition of gay activists whose goal is to help elect former Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter as President has been formed in New York. Carter is expected to be chosen as the Democratic nominee at that party's convention, to be held this week in New York. In a press release, the group defended Carter strategists' decision to eliminate gay rights in this year's Democratic platform plank. "Jimmy Carter is running for President, not for martyr," says the statement. "The platform is the party's tool for winning elections, not a statement of Carter's position, personally or politically, on every issue — and the Platform Committee's policy of avoiding inclusion of controversial issues was established before the question of a gay plank — or Carter's support of it — ever arose."

The press release also notes that "Jimmy Carter has a stringent personal moral code, which excludes extramarital sex of *any* kind. It does *not*, therefore, discriminate against gays. And, more importantly, it *does* firmly oppose the idea of individuals or institutions meddling in or imposing moral codes on the lives of others."

Anyone interested in Gays for Carter should contact the group at 347 Fifth Avenue, Suite 510, New York 10001. The phone contact is Robert Rygor at 932-7319.

KNIGHT SLAYER

CAMDEN, NJ — Steven Maleno, who had admitted murdering Philadelphia newspaper heir John S. Knight 3rd has received his second life sentence. After receiving a life sentence in the Knight murder, Maleno received another life sentence — to run concurrent with the first — in the slaying of a suspected accomplice in the murder of the newspaper executive. Maleno pleaded no contest in the death of Isias Melendez at a country club near Camden following the Knight murder.

MATT IN COURT

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Final oral arguments in the suit for re-instatement of discharged homosexual airman Leonard P. Matlovich will be heard on Friday morning, 9:30 a.m., July 15, 1976, before District Court Judge Gerhard A. Gesell.

Matlovich is the first career service-person to voluntarily disclose his homosexual orientation and to fight for retention in the service, challenging the military's ban on gays.

The hearing will be held in courtroom #5 of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, Constitution Avenue and John Marshall Place, Washington, D.C.

CHICAGO CONF.

CHICAGO — Lesbian Pride Week will be held in Chicago Aug. 1-8, 1976, sponsored by Lesbians for Equal Rights. The tentative schedule is as follows:

August 1: Rally in support of Women Prisoners at the Women's House of Corrections, 26th and California, 2 p.m.; Workshop: "US Bicentennial; 200 Years of Lesbian Oppression; What it Means to Poor and Working Lesbians"; 7 p.m.

August 2: Lesbian films and Slides.

August 3: Workshop: "Health and Self-Defense."

August 4: Workshop: "Lesbian Mothers."

August 5: Workshop: "Lesbian Musicians and Writers."

August 6: Poetry Workshop.

August 7: Lesbian Pride March and Rally; Concert/Dance with Maxine Feldman and Linda Shear.

August 8: Softball/Picnic; Closing rally.

T-shirts and buttons with the Lesbian Pride Week emblem are now on sale. The T-shirts are \$3 & .75 for mailing, and buttons are .50 & self-addressed stamped envelope. Please make your checks and money orders payable to Lesbians for Equal Rights. All proceeds will be used to pay for the expenses of Lesbian Pride Week.

Limited housing will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please make your requests as soon as possible.

Please send all correspondence to the Lesbians for Equal Rights, C/O Denise Harmon, 842 W. Newport, Chicago, IL 60657.



MAINE LINE

By S. W. Henderson

PORTLAND, ME — Sybil's, which started out as a gay bar, has "gone straight." An eyewitness reports that on June 25, the bar's management were asking most gay people for state ID's at the door. Among those turned away was a 40-year-old lesbian. If you're looking for another gay nightspot, this no longer appears the place to go.

Gays Take Active Role in July 4th March

By Robert Rosenberg

BOSTON — Though by the coverage in the straight media one might never have known it, a large and quite successful demonstration was held this past weekend in Philadelphia to counter the US government's official July 4 festivities. The July 4th Coalition, which included nationally over 200 leftist organizations, community groups, and progressive unions, organized the demonstration. Over 30,000 people (about equal to the number who attended the official government event on the other side of the city, at which President Ford spoke) marched through the predominately black community of North Philadelphia. The marchers, who included large numbers of Puerto Ricans, blacks, Native Americans, women, and gays, rather than just white males, were enthusiastically received by the neighborhood people lining the route.

The group's three main slogans were, "For a bicentennial without colonies — freedom for all oppressed nations," "For full democracy and equality," and "For jobs and a decent standard of living." More specifically, the demonstration focused on the struggle of Native Americans, the struggle for the independence of Puerto Rico from the U.S., and the racist attacks on black people, particularly in Boston. Though the politics of the Coalition were militantly anti-

imperialist, the many other issues which are intimately related, such as gay liberation, were explicitly recognized for their importance.

Relative to many groups on the left, and specifically to the two other groups (the "Revolutionary Communist Party" and the "People's Bicentennial Commission") who also organized protest demonstrations on July 4, the Coalition is extremely supportive of gay people's struggles. In fact, the R.C.P. is blatantly anti-gay, while the P.B.C. simply refuses to discuss the issue.

There were many concrete manifestations of this support prior to and at the demonstration. Besides a written statement of support for gay civil rights which attacks the Supreme Court ruling (some would call this an easy "liberal" gesture, however), two members of the local Boston coalition marched in the Boston Gay Pride march with a banner indicating the July 4th Coalition's support of gay struggles. At the same time, the Gay Pride '76 Planning Committee and the Susan Saxe Defense Committee were local endorsers of the coalition, along with the National Coalition of Gay Activists. Out of the 13 busses chartered by the Boston coalition to take people to Philadelphia, one was designated as a bus for "Gay People and Friends." This bus's security marshals were all lesbians and gay

mien.

The march itself contained a national gay contingent organized by the New York Gay Activists Alliance. Throughout all the other geographic contingents, including Boston, there

certainly a critical commentary on the Coalition that there were no other upfront lesbians or gay men speaking at the rally. Of course, the other speeches and cultural events which centered on issues of imperialism,



Photo by Ray Spears

Time out for relaxation during protest march in Philadelphia, July 4.

were many visible gay people. Examples of banners that were carried are "Dykes Ignite," "Gay Revolution," and "Spring Susan Saxe, Free Lolita Lebron" (Lolita Lebron is a political prisoner of the U.S. government, in jail for over twenty years because of agitation for the cause of Puerto Rican independence). The Boston contingent as a whole more than once chanted, "Gay, Straight, Black, White, Same Struggle, Same Fight," and a group of gay men in the Boston contingent came up with "2-4-6-8, hope that Rockefeller's straight," and "Ho, ho, homosexual, the ruling class is ineffectual."

capitalism, racism and sexism, are of primary interest for gays as well as straights. Susan Saxe was mentioned more than once (Witchcraft Rebellion, a "woman's anti-imperialist singing group," dedicated their set to "three revolutionary women political prisoners," Lolita Lebron, Susan Saxe and Ashata Shakur, a black woman also being held by the U.S. government). As a welcome surprise, Dave Dellinger, a veteran anti-war activist, made a statement to the effect that the women's and gay liberation movements have brought a new perspective to the political arena and redefined the ground on which any real revolution must be fought.

The Philadelphia march was one of the few multi-issue actions in which gay people took an active role both in planning and participation. For gay people who realize that, while individuals may experience oppression in our society in different ways, this patriarchal, racist, capitalist society is in reality one unified whole, the July 4th Coalition march was a heartening experience.



Members of the gay contingent in July 4th Coalition counter-bicentennial march

The rally which followed the march was somewhat less high energy and a bit more disorganized than the march. This was due at least in part to the fact that the rally occurred late in the day and the large numbers of people made the stage quite far away. Jill Raymond, grand jury resister jailed during the Susan Saxe inquiry, was scheduled to speak but was pre-empted by a rainstorm which ended the rally early. It is

News Commentary

A Dyke in the White House

By Chris Lundberg

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The invitation said, ". . . on behalf of the President I would like to invite you or your representative to the White House at which time the President will accept the final report of the National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year." I was only a representative, one among hundreds in Jacqueline Kennedy's garden on July 1. There were a few men present, a few minority women, and a few from the armed forces — including 3 women in the Marine band that played.

Waiting in the hot sun to get clearance to enter (thought for sure I'd be stopped right there), I overheard one woman say, "I'd feel like a snob if I didn't accept, but I wouldn't be missed either." Most women were in their summer dresses, a few of us ventured forth in pants, I saw a couple of

women carrying gloves, and several women without nylons — have we come a long way? I was upset at the political overtones, a lot of women wearing "Women for Ford" buttons, or "Keep Betty in the White House"; one woman wore a t-shirt with "I'm for Ford" (of course she was interviewed on television).

Jill Rukelhaus, the outgoing Presiding Officer of the Commission appointed by Ford in April, 1975, presented the report with 115 recommendations to the President; the report is titled, "To form a more perfect union, justice for American women." The President in his speech mispronounced the name of Elizabeth Athanasios, the new Presiding Officer, but did ask the black women who is the new second in command to come to the platform. He used the occasion to announce that just that

morning (coincidence?) he had charged the Attorney General to review the U.S. Code to see what sections were sex based, as we cannot wait for the ERA. He talked about removing injustices for all, but not as charity; taxes and economic discrimination against women being the two major items, and he bragged on the legislation he signed concerning education and credit for women. He apologized for Betty not being present (tired from being on the campaign trail), but that she said the group should be allowed to visit the ground and state floors of the White House after the cookies and lemonade reception on the South Lawn.

The report itself, which was pushed through in time for the meeting, is 382 pages long, a lot of wasted paper, divided into seven parts. Part II — Today's Realities, contains 15 parts: Full Partnership for the Homemaker;

Mass Media: Friend for Foe; ERA: Let the Record Speak; The Creative Woman; \$\$ for Culture and Research; The Power Brokers — getting elected, the appointive job, the Judiciary — where are the women; working women and unions; Strong Laws-Weak Enforcement — a sporting chance for women, the struggle in education, who gives credit where credit is due; Women in the Work Place — employment trends, where the money is, upward mobility for secretaries, the woman entrepreneur, what are equal work and equal value.

Part IV deals with the history and membership on the Commission — no dykes. Part V are the recommendations of the Committees and Interdepartmental Task Force.

(Chris Lundberg is the editor of "Lesbian Front," a newspaper published in Jackson, Miss.)

EDITORIAL

NEED OF THE WEEK

As we enter our fourth year of service to the gay community, GCN looks back to some proud accomplishments. Our circulation is growing daily, having nearly doubled in the last year. Our readers and advertisers continue to reflect a very diverse group of persons, and our credibility with the "straight" press is considered excellent.

In order to continue the record of service, we are asking our readers to help out with a project that is intended to bring the newspaper out of its current debt, which is about \$18,000 at the present time. We have arranged for a consolidation loan with the Consumer Credit Union for \$5,000. This loan will enable us to pay some of our bills, and immediately return all money lent to us by our readers during our 1974 "Make It Happen" campaign. About 30 individuals came to our need during that effort, and they must still be repaid.

This loan would be paid back by us over a three-year period of time, and the amount would be deducted monthly from our checking account, thus assuring it to be the first bill paid every month.

In order to qualify for this loan, we must provide the Consumer Credit Union with collateral accounts totalling \$4,000. These accounts would earn interest at the rate of 6% annually and would belong to you — the readers. If GCN can pledge the required number of accounts, preferably in denominations of \$100, we will qualify for the consolidation loan.

There is no risk. Your money is insured, and will be earning interest the same as it would be — or perhaps more — as it would in a mutual savings bank account. The only difference will be that your money will be helping GCN get some old debts out of the way at the same time.

This is an excellent opportunity for readers who haven't a great deal of time to give, but have been wanting to help GCN for some time. If you are interested in participating in this effort, please call (617) 426-4469 and speak to Joe Leo. Your involvement now will enable us to continue providing service to the gay community.

G.C.N. Inc. Balance Sheet March 31, 1976

Assets

Current Assets:

Cash in bank and on hand	\$ 221
Deposits	540
Inventory — 1st edition	50
2nd edition	4757
Accounts Receivable	3900
	9468

FIXED ASSETS:

Equipment and Furniture	594
TOTAL ASSETS	\$10062

Liabilities and Equity

Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	\$ 5530
Loans Payable	3899
Subscriptions Paid in Advance	7123
Payroll and W/T Payable	228
Accrued Salaries	1200
Accrued Expenses	253
TOTAL LIABILITIES	18233

Accumulated Losses, April 1, 1975

5694

NET LOSS — fy March 31, 1976

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Accumulated Losses, March 31, 1976

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\$10062

GCN will use this space to answer questions for our readers. Mail should be addressed to Tell Me, Joey, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, MA 02108.

Dear Joey,

I have a problem with shyness. I am afraid to go up to anyone in a bar. Therefore, I don't make out very well cruising. What can I do about this? I try, but find it very difficult to carry on a conversation. It's so stilted at the beginning. How can I make someone else feel at ease? I really want to find a lover, but I'm not getting to first base.

A Gay Wallflower

Dear Flower,

Do not feel that you are unique with this feeling; it seems to be prevalent in the gay world. "Looking for a lover" would seem to be self-defeating — it's got to just happen. When you see someone you're interested in, say hello and smile. Try to find out what s/he is interested in, instead of focusing on your shyness. It invariably turns someone on when another person is attentive. Remember, the image you project is the one you have of yourself. If the person is not responsive to you, look for someone who is worthy of you.

There are also many places to meet other gays besides bars. On alternating weeks GCN lists Everyweek and Quick Gay Guide. You might find some group of particular interest to you among these organizations. Another suggestion would be to volunteer your services to the newspaper itself; we are always desperate for assistance. I would say it is very much easier to make acquaintances when people are working on a project together rather than "cruising" for that night's bed-partner.

Keep smiling,

Joey



CORRECTION: Last week's column should have stated that the year-round population of Provincetown is 4000 (not 400).

SPEAKING OUT!

By Carol Bazne



Readers may use this column to express their points of view. Typewritten material should be submitted to SPEAKING OUT, GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, MA 02108.

A friend and I went to NYC last weekend for the Gay Liberation March. We arrived Saturday afternoon and immediately went to the lesbian picnic in Central Park. We were late, just missing an incident which was retold as follows: a man had run into a woman with his bicycle. He had been driven away by other women who came to her aid.

After the incident there were still men hanging around the fringes of the area, which had been rented by a NYC women's group. The women decided to form a circle around the area as protection from further harassment. This worked well, there were no more incidents. Unity equals strength.

I felt very good about how the problem had been solved. Elated to be with these women, I was unprepared for the sadness that was to come. The following announcement was made: that two busses had been hired for July 4 to go to Philadelphia — one for lesbians, one for feminists.

Most women were saying that they would not participate on Sunday because they would not march with men. Are gay men the real oppressors? Is this opportunistic scapegoating?

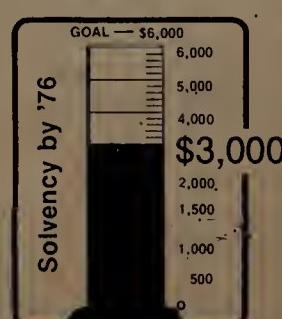
My friend and I marched. There were very few women, perhaps two or three hundred, but there were thousands of men. The march co-ordinator requested that the women stay in front and the men behind. I witnessed a few incidents where men who came up to the front were told to return to the back.

Although I would defend anyone's right to be a separatist and would support a lesbian nation, I don't think that you can get there from here — the leap is too large. Making an identity as a lesbian in a society that either harasses you or prefers to believe that you do not exist is painful. But, to be a separatist in this society is to reinforce the idea that you do not exist. We are just becoming visible, don't disappear now.

WARNING

Chelmsford Police last week recorded their 60th arrest for "lewd and lascivious behavior" at a rest area on Route 495. GCN has learned that two rest stops on Rte. 495 are heavily patrolled by plainclothes officers in their mid-twenties, operating in conjunction with State Police. Men are advised to avoid visiting these areas!

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COMMUNITY VOICE



just wait

Dear GCN:

At the possible danger of appearing paranoid, I'd like to voice my warning in anticipation of the many letters I suspect GCN will be getting in the immediate future regarding the reluctance of the Democratic Party to adopt any of the highly controversial planks into its 1976 Presidential Platform. Principally of course for us is the Gay Rights issue. That some of these letters will be from genuinely concerned brothers and sisters is of course expected. Many of them, however, are going to be written to fan what embers of doubt we might have in our minds. The object of course will be to sow seeds of suspicion regarding the integrity of the Democratic candidate, Jimmy Carter.

When analyzed unemotionally, this decision of the Democrats makes excellent strategy against a party whose capacity for inventing 'dirty tricks' is boundless! Imagine what they could and would do with a "FAG LOVIN'" Jimmy Carter!

Carter has said that he could sign Gay Rights legislation, he has also said that he would never lie to us. This — at this time, is all the assurance that I need to determine that a Jimmy Carter in the White House will be the best friend we can get. What has either Ford or Reagan said on the Gay Rights issues? What has any other Republican candidate said that can compare with the stand of a Carter, a Udall, a Harris, a Church, an Abzug, or a Noble?

In closing — let me suggest that we all keep our emotions in check — evaluate what we know — what we can possibly expect — and cast our votes for the man and the party that we honestly think will be beneficial to our cause.

Sincerely,

Ahmose

perspective

Dear GCN:

In response to Loretta Lotman's letter on my column, I feel that some facts should be presented. Ms. Lotman asserts that I have been presenting too much news on events generated by the National Coalition of Gay Activists and the Christopher Street Liberation Day Committee. She claims that other groups are doing wonderful things too. Granted. She's right. Those events are reported each week in the same column.

If lead space (which is really the issue) is given to a particular group the reason for it is twofold. The event is timely and it is of a broad base appeal extending beyond the New York Gay Community. The march and demonstrations at the Democratic and Republican National Conventions are fine examples. If there is additional space after these events are covered, then other events will be noted. It is not my intent to cover all events. One column by itself could not cover all events in New York. Although the problem of picking and choosing is often risky, there remain no alternatives.

I hope that I have put my column into perspective.

For a better understanding,

Tony Russo

unkempt

A letter to GCN:

I thought it was appropriate that the June 26 issue should juxtapose Sarah Montgomery's letter with the "Speaking Out" column. As one who is sometimes, allegedly "unkempt" (at least by Don Carter's persnickety standards), I commend Montgomery's admonition that we stop putting down other gay people.

Love & struggle,

John Kyper

coverage

The Boston Herald American
News Department
Harrison Avenue
Boston, MA

Dear People:

I certainly appreciated your continuing coverage of the activities surrounding the use of the City Council Chambers and City Hall.

However, in regards to your article of June 16th, I would like to make it clear that, although my office participated in helping plan some of the events of the week, I did not "direct" the rally or even specifically choose the speakers for the rally at the Commons.

The gay community has many fine and capable people and other talented and qualified leaders who helped make the rally the success that it was.

Again, thank you for your otherwise fine coverage.

Sincerely,
Elaine Noble
State Representative



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Dear Ones,

Our Gay Freedom Day parade in San Francisco was estimated to have had a crowd of between 100,000 and 120,000, making it the largest parade on the West Coast (even larger than the Chinese New Year). Never have I felt more closeness in our community — women and men "movement" people and "bar" people all had great time together. Even straights gave support (years of laborious and frustrating work with straight groups is finally paying off. We can live in a ghetto).

After this display of unity, I was disappointed to hear that Boston excluded certain elements from their parade. Can't we at least on Gay Pride Day allow each person to express herself in her own way? Movement people can be as fascinating as anyone else, telling us all what to wear, how to talk, whom to relate to. Forget the rhetoric for once, and see what real unity means.

Peacefully,

satya littlebear

NEW YORK REVELATIONS

By Tony Russo

NEW YORK — Charges of criminal trespass against two lesbian activists, Joy Kallio and Tayloe Ross, were dismissed in New York Criminal Court. The two were arrested at a demonstration against Viacom International Inc. on January 29 when they refused to leave the office of board chairman Ralph Bunch.

The demonstration had been held by Lesbian Feminist Liberation (LFL) with the participation of feminist, gay and church groups. The purpose was to protest the refusal of Viacom executives to meet with representatives of the lesbian community about licensing of "Born Innocent." Demonstrators felt the film, which depicts a lesbian as a violent rapist of a young girl in a juvenile home, was damaging and offensive.

Currently the National Gay Task Force (NGTF) is asking 1100 lesbian and gay groups to request television stations across the country to refuse to license "Born Innocent" from Viacom unless it is edited.

Luba Fineson Zimmerman, past coordinator of the rape prevention committee of the New York chapter of the National Organization for Women, protested the depiction of women, the victims of rape, as rapists, and stated in her affidavit that "'Born Innocent' is part of the media blitz that encourages crimes against women . . . The truth is that rape is an act of violence and hatred to women with enormous physical and psychological damage done . . . It ['Born Innocent'] would do great physical damage through rape of women by people who had seen the film . . . It would also do damage because juries traditionally suspect that women are responsible for their own rapes and hesitate to convict accused rapists."

A committee of gay people has been

formed to help elect Congresswoman Bella Abzug to the U.S. Senate. Co-chairing the committee are Leonard Bloom and Jean O'Leary. The committee is presently working on fund raising and will be holding benefits at both the Pines and Cherry Grove section of Fire Island in the upcoming weeks. The group has also put together a leaflet with the achievements made for gay people through Abzug's efforts. The committee is currently soliciting volunteers to work on fund-raising, leafleting and other projects. For more information call (212) 532-9090.

Robert Rygor, the former head of the Gay People's Union at New York University, is presently working for Presidential hopeful Jimmy Carter. Rygor has published a leaflet on Carter's stand on gay rights. "Although," Rygor said, "Carter's stand on gay rights isn't the best, I think that in the light of today's attitude toward gay people he has done all he could." In response to the National Coalition of Gay Activists censoring Rygor, he said: "I think they are mainly a socialist group. They don't want to repeal sodomy laws and support gay rights, they want to change

the Democratic Party. The only way gay people will be heard is if we begin to support candidates and let them know that there is a gay vote."

With the bicentennial celebrations culminating last Sunday, New York had its biggest party ever held. While many gay people protested the bicentennial, gay bars, including "12 West" and "Peter Rabbit," held gay bicentennial parties. Conversely, Greg Rodwell, owner of the Oscar Wilde Memorial Bookshop, had his opinion on a sign in his bookshop window. The sign read: "1776-1976: 200 Years of Gay Oppression."

DO YOU SEE?

The Boston Globe

"The arrest and subsequent indictment of G. Harold Carswell on charges of attempting a homosexual act with a vice squad detective is the latest in an endless stream of ironies left over from the Nixon era. Mr. Carswell was one of the men Mr. Nixon would have used to shape the nation's judiciary into the President's own hardline image and end what he depicted as the permissiveness of the Warren Supreme Court. Now Mr. Carswell must hope that he finds a court that embodies Chief Justice Warren's respect for law and human rights and recognizes that police entrapment is legally and morally wrong where victimless crime is concerned.

The entrapment goes on to some degree in cities such as Boston, where police command enjoys a reputation for its relative liberalism and where the

priorities lie with fighting street robberies and curtailing violence, not with luring the sexually vulnerable into trouble.

We hear of entrapment only rarely, as when the victim is a Carswell arrested after driving with a policeman into the Florida woods, or a Utah congressman snared by policewomen posing as Salt Lake City prostitutes: We don't hear of the other victims, the real prostitute approached by a detective posing as an out-of-town businessman, or the homosexual in disgrace because of the staged encounter with the vice squad.

Aside from the dubious legality of leading people into temptation, the ploy seems sick and demeaning as well as useless. It succeeds in creating isolated victims after all out-of-victimless situations.

Prostitution — either heterosexual or homosexual — can be a serious public nuisance, as it was for so many years in Boston's Bay Village and in

the downtown theater district. Like any other public nuisance, it should be kept under control. Entrapment is not the decent way to proceed."

— From an editorial in the *Boston Globe*, July 2, 1976.

Gay Nominee

(Continued from page 1)

officials rushed to accommodate themselves to political expediency," Kuntzler wrote gay activists throughout the country. "They produced a document which did not even recognize our existence . . .

"We realize that there is no longer any realistic possibility that the Democratic Party this year will willingly recognize our legitimate grievances. Thus we are faced with not only being left behind but having the tiny gains we realized four years ago wiped away. But here is another choice . . ." Kuntzler went on to elaborate on his proposal to place the name of a gay person in nomination.

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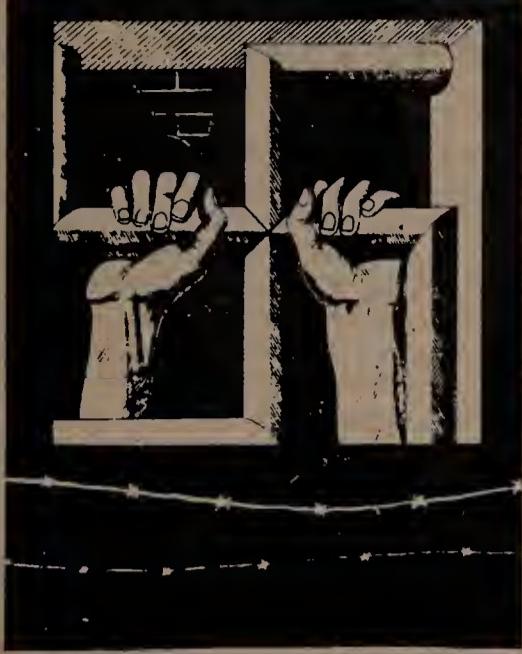
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Prisoner Fights to Receive Gay Press



LEAVENWORTH, KS — In a move that would appear to indicate a change of policy as regards exclusion of the gay press from federal prisons, the U.S. Bureau of Prisons issued a new Policy Statement dated May 4, 1976, which supersedes their previous policy regarding "Incoming Publications." This new Policy Statement states, ". . . the decision not to forward a publication to an inmate under this Policy Statement must be based on a showing that doing so will be detrimental to the security, discipline or good order of the institution. It should not be based solely on its religious, philosophical, political, social, or sexual views." This replaced the older Policy Statement which said, "Caution will be exercised before declaring a publication unacceptable because of its philosophical, religious, or social views. A decision to exclude under this section must be based on a clear showing that admission of the publication will jeopardize the discipline and good order of the institution."

In another significant change, the new Policy Statement states, "PURPOSE a. To permit inmates to subscribe to publications without prior approval." This simple statement replaced the old policy, "Institutional staff members charged with the responsibility of approving subscriptions should satisfy themselves that the publication is acceptable before approving the publication." Many gay publications have been excluded under this provision.

Other changes in the Bureau's stated policy eliminated any reference to

"Pornographic publications." The old policy stated, "Pornographic publications are not acceptable . . . Not prohibited are publications with a large national circulation which are sold openly in neighborhood drug stores and newsstands." Many gay publications have been called pornographic in the past and rejected on those grounds, some of which did not even show nudes of any kind, while at the same time allowing national so-called men's magazines (*Penthouse*, *Playboy*, *Hustler*, etc.)

While this new policy may sound like it would permit inmates to receive the gay press, at least one federal institution, the U.S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth is ignoring it, almost completely. Most other federal institutions have openly allowed the gay press for well over a year now. Leavenworth allowed the gay press, more or less openly and without prior approval, until February of this year when newly-assigned officials learned of same and stopped it.

Inmate Calvin L. Keach, at Leavenworth, started litigation on April 14 of this year to stop the widespread exclusion of the gay press, as well as a ban on the Metropolitan Community Church, by filing a detailed 26,000 word official complaint with the administration of Leavenworth. This complaint, called a Request for Administrative Remedy, was filed in efforts by Keach to exhaust his administrative remedies before bringing suit in Federal Court. This is usually required by the courts before injunctive relief is ever granted. The response to these remedies are appealable to Regional, and then National levels of the U.S. Federal Bureau of Prisons.

In the response to Keach's complaint (this response dated the day before the new Policy Statement was dated) the officials at Leavenworth denied all his requests and even one request he did not make, by stating in part, "You have the right to maintain your homosexual beliefs while incarcerated but you are not allowed to physically practice homosexuality, nor solicit or have in your possession materials advocating homosexuality." Keach did not request that sexual acts be allowed.

This response also stated, "Materials advocating homosexuality are not authorized because they can affect the safety and orderly operation of this

institution." This response was evasive in that it did not state any of the publications mentioned in the complaint "advocated" homosexuality, just that materials that DID "advocate" homosexuality would be excluded.

Keach requested that officials recognize the MCC as a bona fide religion, that all religious books and materials be allowed, and specifically that Rev. Troy Perry's book, *The Lord is My Shepherd*, and *The Cellmate* be allowed. (These books had been excluded previously.) Keach also claimed that officials had refused him permission to receive his personal Bible after learning it had been blessed by MCC, and he requested permission to receive this Bible. All these requests were denied, and officials stated simply "The Federal Bureau of Prisons does not recognize the Metropolitan Community Church."

Keach has appealed the response of Leavenworth officials to the Regional Director, and will further appeal to the Director in Washington, D.C. before filing suit in Federal Court.

After this new Policy Statement was issued, Keach was told by officials to submit a number of forms so that prior approval could be considered, despite the new Policy Statement specifically not requiring this. Subsequently, at officials request, Keach brought some past issues of gay publications which he has had subscriptions and presented them to the staff so they could consider giving prior approval. The staff looked through these issues and then confiscated all of them as "contraband." The official also threatened to write Keach up on an Incident Report for possession of contraband, but so far has not done so. In a United States Government Memorandum officials stated: "All [the confiscated issues] have been rejected because they advocate homosexuality and would affect the orderly operation of this institution. The sample copies attached to the rejected requests have been confiscated." These were issues of *It's Time* (newsletter of the NGTF), *News-West*, *Gay Liberator*, *The Advocate*, *Fag Rag*, *Gay News* (London), *GPU News*, *Vector*, *In Touch*, *The Body Politic*, *Amsterdam Gayzette*, and *Blueboy Magazine*. These prior approval forms were also returned to Keach marked, "Not Authorized—Advocates Homosexuality." Keach had also filed prior approval forms for some publications of which he did not have sample copies at present. The official stated in his memorandum to Keach, "This office will contact *The Blade*, *Drummer Magazine*, *Michael's*

Thing, *Gay Times*, *Hermes*, *Gay Community News*, *The Barb*, *Ecstasy*, and *Gay Sunshine* so sample copies may be solicited for review. Approval or disapproval of these publications will be made only after a copy of each is previewed."

Keach states that he has been severely disciplined for his legal actions to receive the gay press; mail to publishers has been stopped, delayed, and refused to be sent; first class mail from publishers has been mishandled, returned, and lost; and his mother has been forced to use certified mail so it will reach him (even this is delayed for weeks at a time). Keach refuses to be intimidated in his legal actions, despite all this.

Keach said he remains optimistic that these matters may be resolved before he has exhausted his remedies but will definitely file suit if necessary, and is preparing for that eventuality now. He says he will not tolerate the bans and homosexual discrimination present at Leavenworth, which is not limited to the present bans on the gay press, and the Metropolitan Community Church.

Keach has also asked publishers for their cooperation in determining and providing evidence of the rejections of individual issues of their publications and first class mail regarding his legal actions.

Keach feels that some public and political pressure may help the situation at Leavenworth, at this stage. He urges readers to write letters to their Congresspersons and Senators; and to Mr. J. D. Henderson, Regional Director, U.S. Bureau of Prisons, 8800 N.W. 112th St., Kansas City, MO 64153; sending copies of your letters to the other of the above. In letters to prison officials you can demand an answer.

You can ask the following:

- Demand an explanation from the Regional Director why he feels the gay press should be detrimental to the security, discipline, or good order of Leavenworth.

- Why officials are ignoring new policy statements regarding the gay press.

- Why the MCC is banned at Leavenworth.

- That uneducated, outdated, and uninformed ideas are being actively promoted by Leavenworth officials in a discriminatory manner, and that this is not in the best interests of society.

- Congress and Senate members should be urged to investigate the homosexual discrimination in regards to the gay press and religion at Leavenworth.

Copies can also be sent to Calvin L. Keach 87810-132, P.O. Box 1000, Leavenworth, KS 66048, but given the present mail situation they may never reach him.

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I resigned first of all because I had taught nine years at the school, and that had been about six years too many at least::It is a nice enough school, I suppose, as schools go::Kindergarten through eighth in a rural setting, pleasant atmosphere, good standards, little rich kids::But it had been a dead end for me::For years I had felt exploited and under-appreciated::I don't think this is an unusual feeling for teachers to have::It was possible for me to continue in the job feeling as I did about it because until recently I did not feel good about myself::My acceptance of my homosexuality changed these feelings about myself:

I resigned secondly because I wanted to come out of the closet::So the second thing I did was to tell the headmaster that I was going to work for the gay movement next year:

Well (he said) congratulations::You are very brave::You are braver than I am::Or braver than I would be if uh, that were the case with me:

Thank you (I said)::Now I'd like to know what's going to happen around here when I come out::I'd like to do it this coming spring::I don't want to cause the school any special trouble, but at the same time I'd like to be visible::I think it is important::And you should know that I'm pretty much out anyway, everywhere but in town, and that's likely to change pretty soon because I'm trying to get something started in this area for gay people:

Yes (he said) I suppose it will become known, probably through the cocktail circuit::But I am prepared to tell any parents who call up to complain that the matter is your own private business and has nothing whatever to do with your competency as a teacher::After quite a few years in education, after all, I have known quite a few homosexual teachers, and in my view it has nothing to do with their ability to teach:

You are aware, I suppose (I said), of what the reactions of at least some people are likely to be::That I will

somehow queer their kids if not outright molest them:

Yes (he said)::And, of course, I presume that you will keep the issue out of the school, and not talk about it with the children:

Yes (I said)::But all the same, I would like to come out to the children, perhaps the last week of school:

Oh (he asked);

Yes (I said)::I'd like to wear a button declaring my gayness to graduation::Would that be all right:

Well (he said), I suppose so:

And a few weeks later I came out to the faculty at large::I had already come out to my friends on the faculty, of course::But when the story started going around that I was not returning next year, I thought I would tell everyone just what I was planning to do next year::Reactions were mixed, though mostly positive::Really, there were no negative reactions, though there was one silly reaction::The science teacher wanted me to address her classes on the subject of homosexuality::Someday (I said), someday:

And one teacher wrote me a very nice note explaining that she had been shocked by my revelation, but was sincerely concerned for me, and was praying to God to show me the right way::She did not presume to define what the right way should be::I do not laugh at that note::I appreciate it:

And so things continued for a while::I gradually increased my efforts to get the gay people in the area interested in getting together::I had printed up a formal proposal for a Gay Center, and I began to distribute it and post it:

Meanwhile (and this is a dark period in the story, and one which I am not going to go into just now) I left my wife::I moved into the school, camping out in the music room, sleeping in a sleeping bag on a ratty-sprung couch, and living out of a suitcase:

I received my mail at the school, and thought nothing of using the school as my address::This was a mistake::I cheerily wrote the school's address on the bottom of the proposal I was dis-

tributing::After all, I wanted people to contact me, and I didn't seriously think that anyone with brains would assume I was trying to involve the school's name with Gay Liberation::Foolish people tend to make me arrogant::I like to see them jump around::I always have::I forgot that foolish people can have clout::As I said, I made a mistake::I can be foolish, too, after all:

In my glee I posted my proposal at the small junior college-finishing school in town, hoping to get some response from the faculty or staff::This was cheeky of me because several school parents work at the little junior college, including the head of the school's board of trustees, who I had reason to believe was no friend to the cause::But I'd be damned if I was going to tailor what I thought should be done according to the reactions I could expect from ignorant and fearful people::And there my little proposal sat at the little junior college, for weeks::And nobody noticed it::End of Part One:

And then a few weeks later the headmaster began to act strangely::He seemed jumpy and preoccupied::There was an unpleasantness involving the French teacher, her little son who was in my fifth grade, and me::This is no unusual occurrence because the French teacher is a loony and unpleasantness always arise between her and whoever is teaching her darling::Now the headmaster usually values conciliation over confrontation (a policy which, incidentally, drives a rigid idealist like me mad), and usually tries to smooth over rather than straighten out even the worst unpleasantnesses::He usually does this with a bland affability::But upon the occasion of this unpleasantness he was not affable::He was simply crabby::And of course I didn't back down when I knew I was perfectly right, and this didn't improve matters::In the afternoon, during sports period, he called me into his office::Guess what:

He had been receiving phone calls from outraged parents:

How could you (he asked) have used the school's address on the proposal you posted at the local college:

It hadn't occurred to me (I said) that there was anything all that wrong with using the school's address:

The school's address (he said) should not be associated with any political organization::The issue would have been the same if you had announced a Young Republicans' meeting using the school's address:

And to myself I privately doubted that too many parents would call up to object to my announcing a Young Republicans' meeting, but what the hell:

Furthermore (he said), by doing something this blatant you have brought the issue into school, and your homosexuality no longer has no bearing on your effectiveness as a teacher::The older children are talking about nothing else, and are being distracted from their studies:

I doubt whether the distraction is all that serious or will last all that long (I said)::Furthermore, the news was bound to hit sooner or later anyway::The situation is precisely what we should have expected if we had bothered to think things through in the first place:

Be that as it may (he said), the situation we now have on our hands is unhealthy, and I am in charge of the healthy atmosphere at school::It is unhealthy for children to be talking about sexual matters:

Well (I said), I don't really expect you to agree with me, but I would say that on the contrary it is healthy for children to talk about sexual matters::But I realize that that is a rather hard idea for people to swallow, and I don't imagine for one moment that such an idea could have any bearing on the policy of the school:

Children (he said) should not think of their teachers in terms of sexuality:

I disagreed again::(When I told my wife about this last assertion of the head's, her immediate response was that he should tell his wife to stop having babies):

Well, he wanted me to know what I thought could be done now, as he was afraid the situation was heading for an explosion:

Why not cool it, okay (I asked):

Well, no (he said), that isn't what I had in mind::Really, the best thing would be for you to get out of the picture as soon as possible::Perhaps you could go to Boston for the last month of school, and do research on English curricula::The school would not only keep you on the payroll, but also pay transportation:

This was generous::After my nine years of devotion to the school, the school could not simply kick me out, I suppose::But deep in my gut I got scared:

But I calmed down, and talked with

Sexual Variance in Society and History, by Vern L. Bullough; Wiley-Interscience, New York, 1976; xvi + 715 pp.

A Review by Charles Bonnell

Gay people for so long have been written out of the history books that it seems that seven hundred pages must be a considerable advance. And indeed it is; this book is by far the best yet in print. But it's too bad Bullough wasn't able to do even better.

The scope of the book is extremely broad. It covers everything from anthropological prehistory and biology to modern scientific journals, from Judaism to Eastern Orthodox Christianity, from Islam to Buddhism and Confucianism, from the Middle Ages to the Declaration of Independence, from witch doctoring to the growth of modern science. Bullough admits this makes it impossible — even in those 700 pages — to do more than touch "the surface of the vast, untapped storehouse of information about sex in history." But he has put together a great many interesting leads that the non-student of history would have a lot of trouble ferreting out alone.

For example, a historian friend of mine once told me about a play called *Sodom or The Quintessence of Debauchery*, written by the Earl of Rochester in 1684. With characters named Fuckadilla, Clytoris, Borastus (the King of Sodom's Buggermaster-General), and worse, it was performed for Charles II of England. We revelled in this private discovery, now spoiled by its description in great detail (pp. 476-478) in Bullough's book. Scattered elsewhere throughout the book are the fact that John Maynard Keynes was gay, a discussion of the status of eunuchs in the Byzantine empire, the true identity of Donald Webster Cory, and much more.

Perhaps the most notable advance in this book is its relatively complete

For A Breath Of Fresh Air

him that evening, saying that I would abide by any decision he made because I thought it was important that everyone involved preserve dignity, but that I thought he was making the wrong decision::I pointed out that placating mass hysteria is a dangerous thing to do, and that he just might precipitate a mini-witchhunt in the community in which other homosexuals would be hounded out of their jobs:

Oh (he said), the difference between you and other homosexuals is that the other homosexuals have not come right out and announced their homosexuality:

A hell of a lot of difference that's going to make to the queer-baiters (I said)::Hysteria is not known for drawing fine distinctions::Wouldn't it be best for the school to say simply so what? to the parents who are upset (I asked)::Wouldn't whisking me away simply give people more to talk about:

And he thought about it overnight and decided to let the situation ride for the time being, with my instant removal to Boston up his sleeve if things got sticky::And I had to promise to be more discreet for the next four weeks, and I did promise and was so:: He asked me to remove my pooka beads::I commented that Robert Redford got to wear his, and removed mine::And no button at graduation::I

agreed::End of Part Two:

The rest is anticlimax::The matter died down, and the school year came to a quiet close::The yearbook was dedicated to me at last::At the commencement the headmaster made a little farewell speech in my honor, praising me, thanking me for nine years of devotion, and wishing me well:

What did I accomplish, I ask, by coming out::Let me say that while I feel that those who can come out and be visible should, I appreciate the fact that most can't yet::And that's one good reason why those who can should:

I enjoyed it::It was fun telling people::Now I am running out of people who don't already know::Today is Father's Day, and I think I'll call my Dad, from whom I have heard infrequently for the last twenty-nine years, and tell him:

But it is more than enjoyable::It is also healthy to be openly what one is:

And coming out to people clears away the nearly inevitable situational paranoia of worrying what the others would think if they knew, and replaces it with the more ordinary paranoia of wondering if others are being honest with you::But being able to talk openly with others is a boon:

And of course coming out openly is an educational action, especially when

we come out of unexpected places::It is no secret that invisibility is a large part of our oppression::And of course we can't really gauge the ultimate effect our coming out has on others::Maybe I started someone thinking::Maybe I just supplied one more item of information for someone who someday might start thinking::So much the better:

This is not to say that all is rosy about coming out::In spite of the fact that I had been known in the community for nine years, I became in some people's eyes a Homosexual rather than Robert Chesley, like-him-or-not::The headmaster discovered homosexual overtones in a movie which I was showing to my literature class::I as a homosexual had been unaware of these overtones::Indeed, I do not think they were there, and I wonder if the headmaster would have seen them there if another teacher had been showing the film::The movie is of Peter Brook's 1968 workshop on *The Tempest*, and I admit that it is sophisticated, heady, physical and shocking::But I'd used it before with other classes, and it unfailingly stimulates the class to deal with and relate to some of the deeper meanings of the poetry they have been studying:: It might be that it is too much for eighth graders::If so, that is my mistake as Robert Chesley, and not my

attempt as a Homosexual to pervert the students, or even a Lack of Judgment arising from my Perverted Sexuality:: Guess what interpretation was applied to my showing of this film::I was forbidden to show it again:

As far as I could judge it, the student reaction was one of respect and interest::A healthy reaction this, from my point of view, but most probably worrisome to the parents::I am sorry I was forbidden to talk with the students about homosexuality::It seems that at all costs they must be denied even the most commonly accepted facts::God forbid that they should realize that homosexuals exist around them and are people too::God forbid that they should realize that some people think it is all right to be a homosexual:

One student entertained himself and others by occasionally scrawling "Chesley is a Queen" here and there about the school::When he was standing in line waiting for the commencement ceremonies to begin, I offered him my lavender flair pen and suggested he write a final note on the tables set for the post-commencement luncheon::He grinned::You know and I know (I said), that you are perfectly right::I am::But maybe you don't know that I am proud I am::End:

[Editor's Note: Unusual punctuation is retained at request of author.]

A Good, Not Great, Gay History

"The berdache attracted the attention of many early observers, and there was considerable misunderstanding. Some early theorizers such as Edward Carpenter, believing all berdaches were shamans, made them into primitive geniuses, the archetype homosexual, and thereby implied all homosexuals were geniuses." (p. 34)

I happen to have read the source Bullough cites here, and Carpenter said no such thing. He claimed that there is among the so-called "primitive" cultures of the world a decided statistical association between homosexual behavior and divinity or priestly abilities, and that this implies that homosexuals, as a statistical class, are more likely to excel in similar areas. Bullough is reacting to this plausible and well-supported conclusion as if he were scared of it, and must twist it to attack. It's as if he were disturbed at the fact that men are, on average, taller than women, and attacked a study showing this fact by claiming it said all men were taller than all women.

The book's second main fault is its almost complete lack of a theoretical perspective; we have no framework to understand Bullough's long list of facts. Large sections of the book are devoted to tracing the way particular cultural beliefs influenced other beliefs and actual behavior. But often this causation is ridiculously far-fetched:

"In the Koran, Allah is said to have created man not only from dust and earth but also from drops of semen and congealed blood. With the recognition that God had semen, Islam could easily regard sex as a good. Whereas Christianity considered celibacy as the highest good, Islam accepted marriage as the highest good, ordained by God." (p. 211)

Bullough really seems to believe that the followers of Islam first noted that God had semen, and then were

influenced by this belief to make a sexual institution (marriage) their highest good. But why did the Koran say that God had semen? Certainly not from direct observation! Bullough never considers whether the belief in the existence of a divine prostate might have been the consequence, not the cause, of the belief in the importance of marriage — which would leave that latter belief unexplained. This example, far from being a trivial explanatory sidelight, is duplicated over and over in the discussions of other cultures.

It could well be worthwhile to avoid any theoretical interpretation — in order to concentrate on the facts when theories are so uncertain — but Bullough seems to embrace a set of explanations that seem downright scatterbrained. First, Bullough claims that many historical cases of the approval of male homosexuality fit a pattern of concurrent denigration of the status of women. However, Dr. John Boswell of Yale University has done work indicating just the opposite, and to be sure Bullough does not at least once that this correlation need not be true. Unfortunately, he seems to be all too eager to advance this explanation; it seems very plausible to him. Second, Bullough feels that both female and male homosexuality are common in cultures where the sexes are highly segregated, especially around puberty, as in the English public (really upper-class private) schools. This explanation is singularly weak, since most gay people have had the experience of knowing they're gay without having to experiment with same-sexed schoolmates. However, there may be a grain of truth in Bullough's generalization, due to his definition of homosexuality. Although he wisely refrains from trying to assess the sexual preferences of most of the people he mentions, at the times when he must do this he

requires proof of actual homosexual behavior. (By this definition, for example, a celibate cannot be gay.) But it might be reasonable to claim that in a society where schoolmates participate extensively in situational homosexual encounters, the gay ones all learn that this feels very good, and that nothing much bad comes of the acts themselves. They may thus be more likely to have homosexual encounters as adults, compared to gays in a society that does not allow such adolescent activity to take place.

Finally, there is one problem that Bullough probably could not have avoided, given the scope of his book. When dealing with the history of homosexuality, one must be able to sift through the biased secondary sources to the original documents, and exert considerable effort to find new primary material. But from what I know through taking Boswell's course in gays in history, Bullough has not done this well enough, although he has done fairly well in some cases. Bullough notes, for example, that

"Even [sic] Shakespeare has been labeled a homosexual, usually on the basis of his Sonnets, although also because of his general association with the theater. Evidence for any such belief is at best dubious."

In a footnote, he adds that "I think the general scholarly opinion is that he was heterosexual." This is a perfect example: Bullough cites the evidence, accurately reports what most scholars think of the subject, and then doesn't have the time to investigate the biased opinions on his own. This is another consequence of trying to cover all of recorded history — you simply can't do the job right in all areas.

In this respect, Bullough's book is premature. Others will have to correct the record for each separate period of history before a summarizer can reasonably be expected to do better.

We the Gay People

By Adam DeBaugh

Although there is a gay civil rights bill being drafted in the United States Senate, we haven't done our homework well enough to get it passed.

New York Congresswoman Bella Abzug first introduced a version of her national gay civil rights bill in May 1974 during the 93rd Congress. It has been introduced again during this, the 94th Congress; and it now has 25 co-sponsors. One reason that her bill remains in subcommittee is that there is very little gay constituent pressure on Members of Congress.

In the Senate, Alan Cranston of California has agreed to let his staff devote time to developing a gay civil rights bill that will be able to receive broad bipartisan support. Sen. Cranston has agreed to explore with other Senators the possibility of their co-sponsoring such a bill. Although he has not specifically agreed to introduce a bill himself, presumably, he will co-sponsor one. Cranston believes that in order for a bill to be successful in the Senate, it must have both moderate and conservative support.

As yet, there is no bill in the Senate. Many concerned Senators and staff people feel that since the House bill hasn't moved in the past few years, perhaps a bill that focuses on a priority area, such as employment discrimination, would be a first step in getting the whole package passed.

In order to create such a bill, Sen. Cranston's staff, working with other Senate staffers and the National Gay Task Force, have decided that the first gay discrimination priority is in the area of employment. Concerned people working with the staff have come up with a formula, and a bill is now in the draft stage. The legal

complications, of course, are staggering. How do you deal with job discrimination in a way that doesn't force employers into an "Affirmative Action" program? Such a program would have the effect of forcing people to "come out" in order to keep their jobs under a gay quota system. How do you protect people who want to come out from being fired, and people who are already out from being denied jobs?

The formula that has been developed would create Federal machinery to allow gays to pursue complaints of discrimination with the Federal Government, but stops short of creating Affirmative Action programs. It involves both a re-interpretation of existing civil rights legislation (to include sexual and affectional orientation and preference), and a few new notions as well.

Staff attorneys and legislative aides are struggling to put together the best, most fool-proof, and most amendment-proof bill possible. It may take a while longer. Then comes the job of going around to the senators with this bill and getting some of them to co-sponsor it.

The main problem with getting congresspeople and senators to support gay civil rights legislation is that most legislators are just not used to thinking of the idea of civil rights for sexual minorities. It has been but a few short years since people began talking and writing about the problems the handicapped face in getting around. At that time, it was a completely new notion, as most people had never stopped to think about how people in wheelchairs mount flights of stairs and curbs. Now consciousness has been raised to such an extent that people almost automatically

assume that there will be provisions in new buildings for the handicapped. Legislators were educated to the idea and passed appropriate laws.

The job, then, is ours. We need to start getting the House of Representatives and the Senate used to the idea of civil rights for gay people. Most members of Congress have never heard from a gay person! Of course, although they have received letters from people who are gay, most members of Congress have never received any communication from people who said they were gay and who then urged them to support gay civil rights legislation.

In addition, most members of Congress have no real experience in gay discrimination, and there are no openly gay members of Congress. When the Congress deals with discrimination against blacks, women, or Hispanic-Americans, there are representatives of those minorities in Congress who will explain the discrimination they suffer. But where are the gay people to tell about gay discrimination? Members need to hear about our oppression. They need to learn about the fact that we are out here in large numbers and that we care about civil rights legislation for ourselves.

Members do not have enough information to combat the homophobes who will certainly attack them if they support gay rights legislation. We need to provide them with ammunition to fight back. As the media is portraying us in a more sympathetic way (though they have a long way to go), we are becoming more and more visible. Yet most members of Congress still need to hear from us. They need to learn what happens to us and to know the beautiful and dif-

ferent kinds of folks we the gay people are.

Unfortunately, there are very few groups actually doing anything. Although the National Gay Task Force has been working on Congress for a few years, they are somewhat handicapped by being based in New York. The National Organization for Women has declared that gay rights is one of their legislative priorities for this year. Gay Activist Alliances and Gay Liberation Fronts will sometimes focus on national legislators in addition to local ones. The Metropolitan Community Church has opened a denominational office on Capitol Hill to do civil rights work with the Rev. Roy Birchard and myself as staff people. (The office is in Suite 210, 110 Maryland Avenue, NE, Washington, D.C. 20002; telephone (202) 543-2260.) Yet we are too few people and funding is very scarce. We need money, volunteers in the office, and supplies. Most of all, we need a lot of gay people all over the country writing and calling their congresspeople and senators.

Tell them we are out there, tell them we are discriminated against in lots of different ways, tell them we want civil rights legislation passed. If you write, please send a copy of your letter to the MCC office, and if you get a definite reply, please send a copy of that along too.

The important thing to realize is that we are not going to get a bill unless we do our homework. Bills do not pass the Congress unless the members are convinced that there is a constituency that will benefit from the bills (and then benefit the congresspeople by voting for them!). The first step is ours. Let's let them know we are here.

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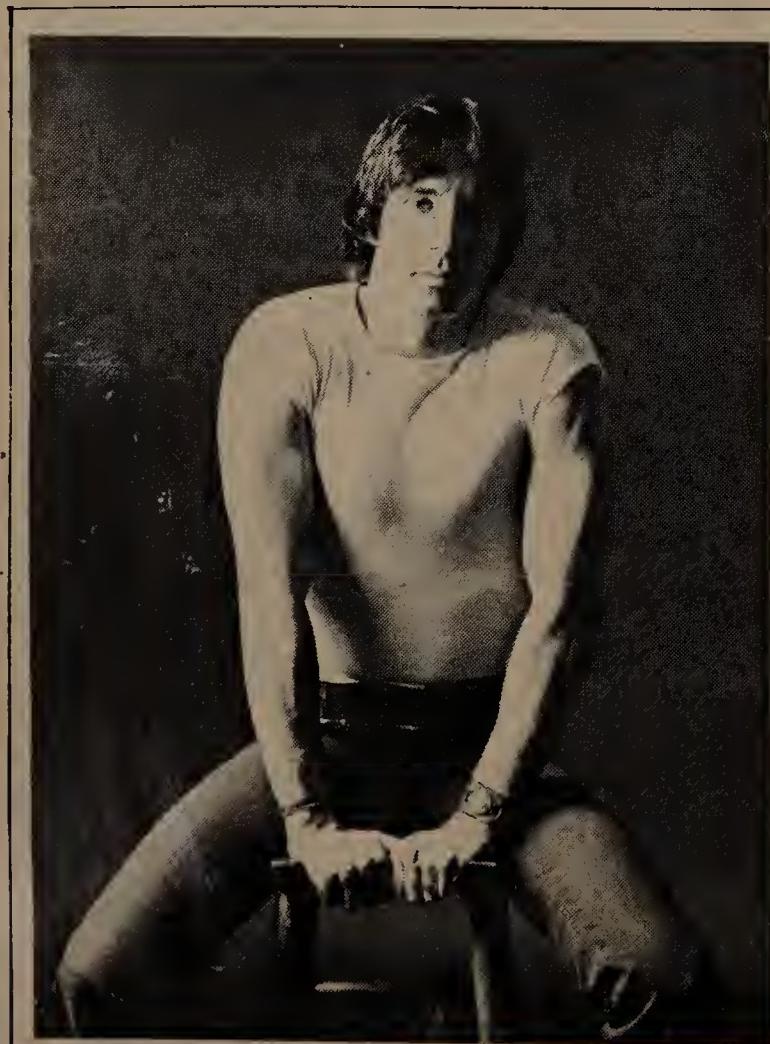


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Coming Out: The Agony and the Ecstasy

GAYRAP is a column which provides space for gay teenagers to write about their experiences of coming out. Anyone wishing to share their story is encouraged to send their article to GAYRAP, GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass., 02108.

By MICHAEL JAY

For me coming out was not the best choice I could make, it was the *only* choice I could make. It does the heart good not to have to lie or to just not say certain things. Although my parents don't know I'm gay yet (another interesting article when they find out), most of my schoolmates know it.

I find that straights can be divided into four groups:

1. OVERT HOMOPHOBIC Those who would like to beat the hell out of me simply because I dare to exist. I say this would be about 5% (if not less) of the student body.

2. LATENT HOMOPHOBIC These people seem obviously nervous when they're around me although they don't show any strong signs of hatred. This is about 30% of the kids I know.

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From these people I hear CONSTANTLY "If you're gay that's O.K. People should accept it." To hear this once or twice is complimentary. When you hear this from a person every time he/she opens his/her mouth, it sounds condescending and insincere. These people seem to number about 2%.

4. THE BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE These are the open-minded, level-headed persons who disregard my gayness totally in their feelings for me. They get along with me because they genuinely like me. They put my gayness on the same level as their straightness or gayness and readily accept it. I am very fortunate and would say this classification applies to 50% of my acquaintances.

I would like to share an amusing incident with you that I think may set a few of you smiling. As I walked by a

room one day I overheard a macho homophobe and his semi-homophobic henchman carrying on this conversation about me. "That Mike's a real fag and let's everyone know it." How I hate the word "fag" but my curiosity was aroused so I decided to eavesdrop. "How do you feel about that?" "I'll say this. Nothing gets me madder than seeing one of those guys pretending he's normal." "You mean going out with chicks?" "That's it." "Is that why you beat up Frank that time?" "Yeh. The girl he went with was a real dog but I still don't like it. Not only that but my chick thought he was cute. And since most of those fags acts so femme, they have a way with women. I couldn't bear the thought of losing my chick to one of them." "I know what you mean. At least I don't have to worry when Mike talks to my chick." "Yeah. I'll still bother him 'cause it ain't normal but I don't think I'll have to roll him!" Overhearing that conversation made my day.

Equally amusing is a question posed

to me by one homophobe who spends all his free time trying to prove my gayness to his friends. He knew I was going to a Halloween party which he assumed to be in the gay community (it was). In the presence of his friend he asked me, "Hey Mike, any chicks gonna be at this Halloween party?" I answered him. "I'm sure they'd prefer to be called girls, and yes, they'll be plenty of them." His friend wasn't the least bit impressed so he said, "What did you prove that time, Hank?" Hank was almost in tears but mustered up enough strength to say, "How was I to know they have girls too?"

Some people like to blow the "gay thing" totally out of proportion. One guy, for example, claims that I'm shacking up with a 90-year-old oil millionaire on Beacon Hill. (I've always preferred fish but that's going a little too far. Money never hurts, but my lover just qualifies as middle class.) He further alleges that since I'm "not that type" (fem), I'm really a straight looking for money.

I think it is of paramount importance that the girls that I am friendly with know I'm gay. This screwed-up society was built on the principle that a boy didn't hang around with girls unless he had designs on one of them. I have had more girls thinking I was interested in them as potential lovers because of my association with them and how complimentary I am. (I compliment anyone, male or female, whenever I feel they deserve it.) The fact that I'm always saying "dear" and "honey" doesn't help much either.

One girl I know once asked me why I'm gay instead of straight. I have no idea and couldn't care less so I replied "Just lucky I guess!"

Before I close this article I want to say a few things. Thanks to S.A. Fillion whose coming out article was the first published, for inspiring me. To my straight friends reading this: Thank you for your kindness and support. To my gay brothers and sisters: I hope coming out is as easy for you as it is for me.



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By David Holland

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MONDAYS
10 am — Gay News, WCAS, 740 AM
10-11 am — Drinking Problem discussion group, HCHS, 80 Boylston St., Boston; (617) 542-6075
5:30 pm — Women's Community Health Center open house, 137 Hampshire St., Cambridge

6:30-10 — Clark Gay People Drop-In Center, 148 Wright Hall, Clark U., Worcester

7-10 pm — UMass Gay Women's Caucus Hotline, 545-3438

7 pm — Parents of Gays, HCHS, 80 Boylston St., Boston; (617) 542-6075

7 pm — Rap Group, 63 Chapin Ave., Providence, RI

7 pm — GRAC basketball, YMCU, 48 Boylston St., Boston

7 pm — Gay Women's Rap Group, at Another Way, 64 Chandler St., Worcester, Ma. 756-0730

7-9 pm — Gay Switchboard, Vermont U., (802) 656-4173

7:30-9:30 pm — Drop-In Center for women, Rm. L-23, Curtis Hall, Tufts, Medford

7:30 — UMass Amherst, Bisexual Women's Rap Group, Campus Center

7:30 pm — DOB Lesbian Mothers Rap, 419 Boylston St., Boston, Rm. 323.

8 pm — Lesbian Rap and Action Group, Cambridge Women's Center basement; (617) 354-8807

8 pm — Lesbian Rap at Women's Center, 215 Park St., NH

8 pm — GPC business meeting, Columbia U., Furnald Basement, Broadway at 115th St.

8-9 pm — "None of the Above," WWUH-FM (91.3) Hartford, Conn. (203) 728-0653

8:30 pm — Hartford Gay Alcoholics Group (203) 522-2648

8:30 pm — Alcoholics Together, 63 Chapin Ave., Providence, RI

9 pm — Gay discussion group, Columbia U., Furnald Basement, Broadway at 115th St.

TUESDAYS

1 pm — MCC Campus Ministry, RIC Student U., Rm. 312, Providence, RI

6:30-10 — Clark Gay People Drop-In Center, 148 Wright Hall, Clark U., Worcester

6:45 pm — GRAC Swimming, Lindemann Cnt., Hurley Bldg., Sanford St., Gov't Cnt., Boston

7 pm — Pot luck supper at Resurrection House, 5 Junction St., Providence, RI

7:30 pm — DOB Women's Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323, Boston

8 pm — Rap Group for gay men, 38 Bromfield St., Boston

8 pm — Springfield Gay Alliance, First Unitarian Church, 245 Porter Lake Dr., Springfield

8 pm — Gay Way Radio, WBUR, 90.9 FM

8 pm — Rap Group for gay men, CSMH, 70 Charles St., Boston

8:30 pm — TGC Drop-In Center for Men, Room L-23, Curtis Hall, Tufts

WEDNESDAYS

11 am — Gay discussion group at Drop-In Center of Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill, MA; open to everyone

12-8 pm — Provincetown Drop-In Center has these hours especially for gay problems. Come in or call. See Quick Gay Guide

6-10 pm — Drop-In hours at Gay Men's Center, 36 Bromfield St., Boston; 338-7967

6:30-10 pm — Gay Health Night at Fenway Community Health Center, 267-7573

6:30-10 pm — Clark Gay People Drop-In Center, 148 Wright Hall, Clark U., Worcester

7 pm — Men's Rap Group, 64 Chandler St., Worcester, MA. Call 758-0730

7-9 pm — Gay Switchboard, Vermont U., (802) 656-4173

7 pm — Religious Dialogue at MCC, 63 Chapin Ave., Providence, RI

7 pm — Liberation Rap Group; (617) 758-0730

7 pm — Framingham Unicorn Society meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday; Box 163, Framingham, MA 01701

7:30 pm — MCC Merrimack Valley rap/discussion group, Box 750, Haverhill, MA 01830; 374-6905

8:30 pm — Alcoholics Together, St. John the Evangelist Church, 33 Bowdoin St., Boston

8:30-10 pm — Drop-In Center for men, Rm. L-23, Curtis Hall, Tufts, Medford

9-12 pm — Gay Social, Columbia U., Furnald Basement, Broadway at 115th St.

10:15 pm — "Gaybreak Radio," on WMUA-FM, 91.1 mc. (1st and 3rd Wednesdays)

THURSDAYS

3:30 pm — UMass Amherst, Gay Male Rap Group, Cottage B, near Worcester Dining Common

6:45 pm — GRAC Swimming, see Tuesdays

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9 pm — Coffeehouse, 64 Chandler St., Worcester
9 pm — B'nai Haskalah, Gay Jewish services, doors open 8:30, 131 Cambridge St., Boston; 265-6409

SATURDAYS
1 pm — GRAC soccer, Hatch Shell, Esplanade, Boston. For info call 289-7678
3-10 pm — Drop-In hours at Gay Men's Center, 36 Bromfield St., Boston; 338-7967

8 pm — East Conn. Gay Alliance; 889-7530
8 pm — MCC/Hartford Drop-In Center, 11 Amity St.
10 pm-3 am — Worcester Hotline, 731-6562

SUNDAYS
10:30 am — "Closet Space," WCAS-AM, (740)
1 pm — MCC Church School, 63 Chaplin Ave., Providence, RI
2 pm — GRAC volleyball, Hatch Shell, Esplanade, Boston
2-6 pm — Drop-In hours at Gay Men's Center, 36 Bromfield St., Boston; 338-7967
2:30 pm — "Gay A's" Alcoholics Rap, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston

4 pm — MCC/Worcester services at Central Congregation Church, 6 Institute Rd., Worcester
4-6 pm — Gay Women's Group of Providence rap, (401) 831-5184
5 pm — MCC/Boston Bible study group, 131 Cambridge St.; 523-7864

5:30 pm — Exodus Mass, St. Clement's Church, 1105 Boylston St., Boston
6-9 pm — Telegraph Beacon Star — Gay Perspective, WTBS-FM 88.1

6:30 pm — Gay Church Services, 23 Franklin St., Bangor, ME
7 pm — MCC worship services, 63 Chaplin Ave., Providence, RI

7 pm — MCC/A Albany, NY, 332 Hudson Ave. (except first Sunday of month at 6 pm)
7 pm — MCC/NY worship, 201 W. 13th St. (corner of 7th Ave.)

7 pm — MCC/Boston, worship and fellowship, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston
7 pm — Church of the Eternal Flame Universal, 320 Farmington Ave., Apt. A-6, Hartford, CT

7:30 pm — MCC/Hartford, 11 Amity St., Hartford, CT
7:30 pm — "Come Out Tonight," radio WYBC-FM, 94.3, New Haven, CT
8 pm — Cape Cod Women's Liberation Discussion, P-town Drop-In Center, 6 Gosnold St., Provincetown, MA

8:11 pm — GRAC games at GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston
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NYC — Picketing for gay rights at Americana and Hilton Hotels will be held all day, protesting Democratic National Convention.

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NYC — Protest against expediency at Democratic Party headquarters at Statler-Hilton Hotel, 11am-3pm.

NYC — Assemble on 5th Ave. at 70th St. for Candle March for separation of Church and State, 8:30pm.

NYC — West Side Discussion Group, 37 9th Ave. at 14th St. holds meetings at 8:30pm; \$2 donation asked; forum followed by free refreshments. Today: "The Gay's Body"; psychotherapist Bill Player on body-oriented therapies.

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Cambridge, MA — Women's Community Health self-help group on meno-pause, 7pm, 137 Hampshire St., Info and registration call 547-2302.

NYC — Protest against homophobic Presidential hopefuls at Madison Square Garden, 8:30pm.

NYC — Celebration of Gay Love at Foley Square Park, 11am-2pm; bring lunch, guitars, crafts...

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Cambridge, MA — Women's Community Health self-help group, 7pm, 137 Hampshire St., Info and registration call 547-2302

Provincetown, MA — Cape Cod Women's Liberation weekly discussion, 8-10pm, P-town Drop-In Center, 6 Gosnold St.

Syracuse, NY — Second Annual Gay Pride Field Day will be held at Camp Brockway, Pratts Falls Park, Jamesville, NY. All-day events, food and beer, y'all come.



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